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LB 65, 283, 285A, 287, 655, 759

Chambers to LB 283. Senator Chambers has requested a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, call the roll on the question.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1670-71.) 1 aye, 36 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was not successful. I do raise the call. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. Senator Landis, new A bill, LB 285A. (Read title.) Amendments to be printed: Senator Quandahl to LB 655; Senator Preister, LB 65; Senator Quandahl, LB 287; Senator Landis to LB 759. (Legislative Journal pages 1671-73.

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on your motion to reconsider the vote taken.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This is what I call my softening up process. I have to hammer away a while, then an attempt to raise the tax may seem more palatable, and maybe it won't. But I have to use my process, and I have to do my work on the floor of the Legislature. I cannot collar people in the rotunda, as can the liquor industry, and work anything out with them, so I have to take everybody's time and I'm willing to do it. I have mentioned several things that are negative that happened in this society because of the consumption of alcohol. I have mentioned why I have...or that I've never tried to offer a bill to make consumption of alcohol illegal in this state. There are some states that have done that. There are some states that have let some counties be wet and others be dry, meaning you can drink in some counties but you cannot drink in others. There are all kinds of accommodations that are made with a substance such as alcohol. It does things for people that they like to have done for them. And invariably, when a substance is addictive, it has the power to lift a person out of his or her present